(c) whether any scheme has been initiated to offer them employment to eradicate their poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As informed by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, a sizeable number of youth have given up the path of militancy in Jammu & Kashmir State and have settled down to lead a peaceful life. From 1991 to July, 2003, a total of 3405 militants have surrendered before security forces and J&K Police after shunning the path of violence. This figure includes 85 militants who had surrendered between January and July, 2003.

(b) It is incorrect to state that these surrendered militants live without any source of income. Most of them are earning their livelihood by engaging themselves in petty businesses or getting themselves employed in various private firms and enterprises.

(c) In August, 1995, Government of Jammu & Kashmir had announced a policy for surrender and rehabilitation of militants. This policy was revised by the State Government in 1997. Under the State policy, the surrendered militants have been provided with employment/ self-employment opportunities. Majority of them have been engaged as Special Police Officers (SPOs) under Jammu & Kashmir Police. Some of them were also recruited by BSF and CRPF. Rest were mostly rehabilitated under self-employment schemes of running petty businesses, transport/tourist video coaches.

Overlapping in functioning of Narcotics Bureau

2417. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is overlapping in the functioning of Central Bureau of Narcotics and Narcotics Control Bureau because of the similarities in the nature of work/task and the operating domains;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider amalgamation of both to remove redundancy and duplicacy; and

(c) whether Government will consider equality of status and pay to the employees of both the organizations and remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Change in Nationality by Tibetan Monasteries

2418. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dalai Lama is running several Tibetan Monasteries in India in which the name, religion and nationality of minor Indians are being changed as Tibetan Nationals;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAD): (a) Government is aware that Monasteries are functioning in various parts of India. No instances, relating to forcible change in the religion and nationality of minor Indian have come to the notice of the government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Review of present investigation and prosecution system

2419. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering review of the present investigation and prosecution system in view of recent criminal trials in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) In order to prevent the evil of witness turning hostile in the cirminal cases, the Law Commission of India in its 178th Report has *inter alia* recommended insertion of a new section 164A in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 which is as follows: